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"THE VIVIAN

GIRLS

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"Couldn't we go where you have it then" asked George anxiously "I will have to know all those phenomena in order to properly make my plans."

"We could either tell all the phenomena or rewrite them here on mere paper" said Violet.

This he agreed to and it was done. When he finally read them over he couldn't hardly believe his eyes, but he asked:

"What are the Universal Click and

the great Church organ
smash?"

They explained to
him.

"Here's a strange kind
of mystery in both
the Church organ
smash noise, and
this most extraor-
dinary upside down
phenomenon." he de-

clared. The mystery
of these two pecul-
iary peculiar man-
ifestations must be
solved before we can
defeat the demons."

"I tried very hard to"
said Perrod "But it
seems impossible"
and he explained

his investigations.

"Wait" said George and
started looking through
his book, as he did so
he asked:-

"You said you question-
ed all Churches to find
out if an organ fell
at the time of the
awful sound?"

"Yes."

George continued look-
ing through his book.
Then he stopped at a
page and read, then
he said:

"It says here de-
mons can make some
Church organ fall noise-
lessly in a Church
by their power, but

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produce the noise elsewhere and right the organ again. Before any one knows it was down."

I don't understand how demons can accomplish such a phenomena like that - but in 21 ever George -

"Well the description in the book says so" declared George Scammon. "And the bible says the demon Satan can with his tail pull out the moon and stars out of heaven."

"Not out of heaven" said Pennell. "Out of

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the skies."

"Well the Bible says Heaven."

"It means the skies which are called the Heavens" put in the girls together.

"Well they say he could"

"He could do nothing without the consent of God" said the chorus.

"Well what are we going to do?" asked Violet nervously.

"I'm going to be a desperate proposition" answered George Scammon. "All these crazy phenomena

shows the demons are not only powerful beyond my belief but are also either crazy or minkompsops. Who invented the name to this place "the crazy house" detective Burns".?

"No, my sisters and I did" declared Period.

"Well it certainly deserves the name. The way to get results is to concentrate.

But my plan is to work against the demons on every floor hall and room and

the grounds at the grounds and converge all at the same time" "How? the property is so immense" declared Angeline.

"That is for me to figure out. I did not myself think this place was so big. There is not enough of us here to concentrate at all quarters at the same time. But my plan if not carried out properly and cautiously would make it very dangerous for us. The main danger is the fire phenomena. They could suddenly kill

all of us by it"

"We could be careful, but for one good reason I do not believe the demons would dare" declared Jennie. (which was true)

"The main thing I thought of to make the fight more successful" continued the boy "Would be needed two groups to start a general exorcism from basement to middle of house each starting from basement and roof, each party working up and down ward but to try and meet in general con- centration on one of the floors. But if

we did not and really succeeded, we'd then drive the spirits into the grounds and from the grounds into the house again. So we need a strong additional force to work in the grounds at the same time"

"Will an additional number of boys and girls do?" suggested Angelina.

"No indeed, I'm afraid that's utterly impossible," said George.

"Why?"

"Because. Not that I object to your suggestion but you see so many kids are so afraid of this place that I can

any of you couldn't get them to come here no matter what you'd say or do"

"We've got a band of kids as you call them in this very building" said Penrod, "and they're afraid of demons as I or you or my sisters are afraid of apple pie or ice cream."

"I'm this building?"

"Yes"

"How many are there?"

"Forty five"

"Not enough for the grounds" said the boy in a tone of disappointment "The ground is immense you know nearly half as big as

Lincoln Park"

"How many would we need then to cover the grounds?"

"As many as we could get besides a good number of priests"

"I could take care of that situation" declared Father Carney.

"We have more than two hundred extra child soldier scouts in another place, but they're mostly girls" said Violet.

"That would do" said George "that's more than I hoped for. When can you send for them?"

"I could telephone them to come as soon as they

could get here."

"Telephone from here?"

"No, outside. Demons will interfere if you telephone from here."

"Do" said George, "the sooner they come, the better."

"Violet motioned to Jim and Webster George, and they made ready to go with her.

"I dare not travel through the grounds alone" she confessed as she went out.

"I'll tell you all" he said, as the door closed behind her (library door) "that we can succeed but it'll be a hard

fight. But how long have you little girls been at it?"

"For about a month?" "I think" answered Joyce. "We took our time in investigating first, to make sure it was possessed and not a trick on the part of pranksters or rogues."

"Has the building any secret rooms?"

"It has one secret storeroom, but it is easy to open and shut."

"If only pa was alive" said George. "He was the greatest detective I ever knew of. But to night I'll pray

asking God to keep us,
and to "morrow we'll
start the war".

While waiting for the
coming of the child
souls, George Perrod,
and the little girls
examined everything
in the music room
to find if it was cured
of the possession or
not, as it was the near-
est room to the li-
brary.

No one knows how
it could be discovered
but they soon found
out that there were
no evil banshees
there, but George
remarked that he

believed the spirits could
still have control of the
musical instruments
from a distance, and
advised Perrod to keep
the room locked and
(bared) barred,

"It would do no good"
exclaimed the girls. "We
did that four times and
the musical instru-
ments got out, and
led parades down the
city streets."

"Yes I remember
that" laughed the boy
I saw those parades
and they were the
craziest sights ever
witnessed by any
one. But fasten a

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large Blessed Crucifix
on the outside and
inside of the door, and
I'll guarantee the
demons won't do that.

"They won't eh?" ex-
claimed Violet "We
did that and the par-
ade was on just the
same."

"Are you positive
sure they did?"
Positive? Say we
had to go to the
Explains street Police
Station and drive
the Grand Organ
out of there."

"Yes I heard about
that runcomprop phe-
nomena. I can't

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that" declared George and
the demon of the Edison
Phonograph tried to kill
you little girls. But de-
mons are supposed to
be afraid of cruci-
fixes."

"They can work at
a safe distance" said
Angelina.

"But that puzzles
me": confessed George.
"Evil spirits keeping
on despite Sacrament
als. There's something
wrong there. That ain't
mentioned in any
of my books. I've
got to find some
explanation or clue
to that mystery or

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I'll be stumped in
 helping you girls. I though
 I've heard of Course God,
 could make demons
 face whatever they
 fear worse and not
 dare run away. Even
 a saint made later
 go to mass with him,
 no matter how
 scared he was. Maybe
 this is the mys-
 tery" he continued.
 "And maybe God wont
 let them go out of
 here, and also fear-
 ing you the de-
 mons are between
 two fires."

"You mean the
 evil spirits fear us

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that bad?" asked Violet.
 "Yes"
 "I don't believe that
 is possible" said Violet.
 "Not from what we went
 through just for only
 investigating."

"What happened?"
 She told everything
 that happened to her
 and her sisters, Sally
 Fieldiers, Mary one
 Masters and Alice Mon-
 row."

"But" said George the
 demon would do so be-
 cause of fear of you. I
 know its true and I
 can prove it. For instance
 a cat is chased by
 a dog. It tries to get

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away, the cat is cornered, he then is so terrified and enraged that to save himself if possible he springs on the dog back and vice versa.

The demons probably were not allowed for some reason to leave here until His ^{own} Will is given and you first investigate and try to oust them.

Caught between two kinds of enemies they are desperate. They fear you but show fight as you're the loser

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evil. yet they could not drive you out as you've got the spunk of angels. You're still here they're still here so it's a tug of war. I firmly believe God wants to hold them here till the will to you bring relief because He wants to torment them."

But how does dearest God torment them?"
"They're tormented by your presence and your efforts to oust them."

For a few minutes everyone was silent over what George Scamlon had said.

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"En - en - did - did - you say, you believe our dear God torments the devils by refusing to let them go away just to be tantalized to torture by our (presence) presence and our efforts to oust them?" demanded Pernod.

"I don't say positively yes, or no, on that subject" admitted George.

"I'm only suspicious that is a fact."

"Does any of your exorcism books state anything about that?" asked Angelina.

"I do not know. I have not read all of

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them yet."

"But I just can't get it." said Pernod. "God may say to the cowardly demons, stay here. We say to them get out. They fear Him greatly, yet fear us too. They dare not disobey either, yet can't disobey Him, and are forced to stay 'despite us? That seems incredible, impossible."

"Shall I investigate the books -?"

"No George" said his sister, "our books do not say anything about that, Father Carney she added do you think it could be

possible what my dear brother said?"

"It could be likely" said the priest "But if it is so we'll have to wait then untill its Gods Holy Will to allow the demon to go out. Theyre afraid of Him far more than any body."

"If ye boys opinion es true" put in Evans "how es eet (them) zen zat ze phenom enons no do ze stop?"

For some minutes George couldnt find an answer to Evans question, simple though it was at that

moment Violet returned with as many child scouts as could come in answer to her telephone call. None of them, who were under Jennie Turner and Annabelle Rooney could speak English and George not knowing it, started at once to explain his plans which started some of the little Virrans to giggling while the scouts looked at one another in bewilderment.

"Wait a minute" said Violet to George "These kids as you call us

cannot speak English
and cannot understand
you. You tell me what
you want them to do
in the grounds and I'll
explain to them in
my language."

"First George counted
them."

"There are not as
many as I hoped
for but I guess they'll
do" he said. "My
plan is that two times
a day they are to
make first a grand
procession the
stations of the Cross,
while two priests
are to say Mass
within the grounds

at the same time."

Pennod and his sister
looked at each other."

"Try it yourself" said
Pennod dryly.

"What then is the demon
that bad?" demanded
George.

"You don't know the
half of it." declared
Pennod and he told all
about the awful time
they had in putting up
the stations of the Cross,
and the disastrous
results of the Grand
Procession."

"Where is that crazy
chandelier?" asked Geo-
rge.

"Still in Lincoln Park."

"In Simcoln Park?"

"Yes"

"Aw Go on"

"We can take you there any time to prove it." cried Angelina. But no one dares go near it or touch it. Its fenced off."

"Those demons must be crazy," retorted George. "What did Alice Morrow do that the crazy banshees whirled the chandeliers after her all the way to Simcoln Park for?"

"I hat I do not know. But you must know and remember they wouldn't let Sally

Fielders or any of our friends alone either."

"Well whatever happened is not going to discourage me" declared George. "I proposed to help you win and by George you're going to win by God's Holy Will. I might be wrong in my theory that He is holding on you for a while just to torment the spirits but if I'm right its more of a joke than anything else and serves the demon right. Of course in other cases they may be stubborn or mincompoops who want to show an air of bravery, and refuse

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to give in to you. If that is so my plan will bring immediate results, if my other theory is right, then we will have to wait until God sees fit to make the fiends go. But if He holds out long then its all the more fun and adventure, for us and bad luck for them."

"Could we find out in anyway whether God is holding them in for that cause?" asked Violet.

"We could try an experiment on these nuncampoop devils that I know of, but

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it might be terribly if not exceedingly dangerous without the proper means" admitted George.

"What would happen?" asked all of them at once.

"It might cause something that'll make us wish we dun didnt try it."

"Dont try it then?" said Pernod "We have enough trouble as it is. But what would you try to do?"

"Make the procession again" declared George "But inside the house, and grounds both."

"No I wouldnt risk it" said Father Carney "A number of people among

the spectators and in the Procession were killed by the Chandelier that fatal day of the procession and every one more or less ringed by a fire the mornemon that developed and the Cardinals adressed against it after that."

"When do you want me to work out my plan?"

"Any time you think its convenient." So George explained everything to him. "First of all" he said "the grounds are worst off than the house, and is the root of all the trouble. all the loud noise phenomena

without any one of you knowing it has carried their terrifying sounds far and wide, especially that awful cry like an Irish Banshee, ending like the howl of a dog and scared everybody in the whole district for miles around within an inch of their lives and caused many thousands of people to move away including the home owners and Real-Estate Agents.

Next the house is acting up enough to make the most startling, and unwelcome

news for the whole Country and has had fire phenomena so often until the fire departments have almost gone crazy. If we are not careful the condition will really spread.

Something must be done in a hurry. There is only one way to change the whole condition and put an end to the bad state of the house and that is to drive the spirits from the Elm tree then man abode and we can clear the

grounds. There is only one cure for the second trouble which is in the house and that is to do the very same thing simultaneously. So you have my plans. Set as many of us who fight against the foe in the grounds, concentrate against the elm tree to morrow.

Perrod jumped from his chair. He walked up and down the basement in the greatest excitement. Finally he broke out:

"Nonsense, The grounds the main root of all the trouble. The crazy

elm tree being the main trouble. Everything defying the sacramental driving people away by far reaching sounds, phenomena. And all this on this property, the whole country noticing it and trembling with apprehension. We were pestered and are still pestered with crazy (Mama's) manifestations. George do you think we're going to risk bringing any one, ever our revolver close to that dangerous tree and face dreadful consequences. You don't

know one third what that tree could do. No George that's too much too dangerous to expect. We can't do it and never shall. You take the house and grounds in hand chase a procession if you want to anything that is your desire but make the house free of demons if that's what Sese-man wants. Then we'll tackle the Elm-tree if that's your plan. But first I must have your help. "Period." the boy answered earnestly just remember what

you are doing. This devil sickness of the house and grounds are not anything that can be cured by leaps and bounds. It must be worked against by general concentration. The tree is exceedingly dangerous that's true, but if we concentrate against that mainly we will probably clear everything else in no time.

But suppose blunders caused us not to succeed right away, you don't want to go back to your own Country with the devils having won or perhaps the

demons work some evil so you'd never see home at all?"

Perrod stood still terrified. "Why if that's what you think George then there's only one thing to do. And we might get right to work." "With these words Perrod put his arm in that of his new friend and walked up and down with him while they talked the matter over.

Then George and his sister started for home because he need to bring everything over to fight the demons with. For a short time the demons breathed easier.

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Because of the great expectancy of the coming morning no one could hardly sleep that night they were so eager and excited.

And for once the whole place had been more than unusually quiet and there was no phenomenon of any kind.

Yet it seemed the next morning however that they were to face a disappointment for George who had promised to be there at seven sharp didn't show up. They did hear noises